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"There's no hard feelings though. I honestly wish them the best of luck and I hope they're happy."

Since changing owners, neither has had much time to be pleased, although Burdett did finish sixth in Saturday's main event.

Burdett has struggled with engine troubles, forcing him to finish in the back of the pack each of the previous three weeks.

Crow has also been hit by similar woes, blowing three motors his first three weeks out.

"You have to have some experience to win," Crow said. "I've been out there three times. I probably have 25 laps in the car, whereas there's a lot of guys out there who probably have 1,000's.

"It'll take the whole rest of this year and probably some of next year to get where I'm competitive. We have the best car out there. You can ask anybody out there and they'll tell you this is the best car out there. It just has a hex on it."

The difference this week is Crow will have help.

"The guys that run there every week were concerned they might not have a car for the main event," said Insolo of the decision to run the reunion race at the end of the night. "Now we're going to stand there and be concerned whether we're going to have a car drive."

NOTES — Newhall's **Christine Ferber** finished fourth in Saturday's Modified Stock main event at Mesa Marin Raceway in Bakersfield, but is virtually eliminated from points championship contention. Ferber is in third place, 40 points behind leader **Mike Allsup**, who won the feature race Saturday. Defending champion **Gary Elmore** was third and is two points out of the lead heading into the final race of the season Sept. 1. **Steve Deavers** of Canyon Country finished second in the Late Model Stock main event Saturday ... Southwest Tour racer **Bob Lyon** of Newhall finished third in Saturday's Coors Light/Ormsby 100 at Silver State Raceway in Carson City, Nev. Lyon is eighth in the points standings heading into the next 100-lap event, Sept. 1 in San Bernardino. Saugus' **Mark Perry** is 12th and **Dan Press** of Frazier Park is 18th ... **Mike Kiedrowski** of Canyon Country moved into second place in the American Motorcycle Association 125cc National Championship series with four motos left this season. Kiedrowski passed Honda teammate **Jean-Michel Bayles**, who has missed the last two events with a broken arm.

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